

RUSSIANS NOT FREE TO MARCH

TROFF STOPS DEMONSTRATION IN HONOR OF STRIKE VICTIMS.

Leaders Yield Now, but Promise to Use Their Power Later—Preparing for a Call to Arms When the Time Is Ripe—Witte Has Trouble Forming a Cabinet

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 5.—The great demonstration which has been arranged to be held to-day in honor of all who have fallen in the revolution was abandoned.

The city was placarded this morning with a notice, signed by Gen. Troppoff, stating that the political demonstrations would not be allowed in the present disturbed state of affairs, when one section of the population was ready to rise in arms against the other. This decision, it was added, was taken in the interests of the proposed demonstrators themselves and the peaceable majority of the inhabitants.

The notice contained no threat of repressive measures, and the extent of the Government's interference, should the demonstration be attempted in spite of the notice, could only be surmised, but in receiving a deputation who visited him Gen. Troppoff spoke in the most straightforward manner regarding the course the authorities would pursue.

Subsequently the leaders of the workmen decided to abandon their plan, but a meeting was held at which a resolution was adopted declaring that "the peaceful intentions of the St. Petersburg workmen have called to their feet all the representatives of a dying order."

Gen. Troppoff forebade possible attacks by bands of roughs, armed by the police, that blood may again flow in the streets of St. Petersburg. In view of this plan showing the value to be attached to the promises that have been made and the manifestoes issued, the Council of Delegates announces that the Government the last fight, not on the day chosen by Gen. Troppoff, but when it is convenient for the few armed and organized people.

The abandonment of the parade did not become known generally, and vast orderly crowds, mostly dressed in mourning, gathered in public places with the intention of participating in the demonstration or sympathizing with the widows. Balconies were crowded with spectators.

At noon the council of delegates went to the different centres and announced the decision to abandon the demonstration, asking the people to return to their homes quietly and not to afford a pretext to the authorities to resort to force. The council also appealed for support until all the revolutionists were armed for a rising, which they declared, would soon come and leave Russia a republic. The crowds then dispersed.

It is generally felt that the leaders acted wisely for the interests of the revolutionary party, the prospects of which they did not wish to endanger by hasty action. The abandonment was not intended and was not regarded as a surrender. The council's control of the workers is strong enough to inspire confidence that its members will reestablish the strike whenever it is most opportune to paralyze the country, following this by a call to arms when the time is ripe. That preparations for such a call are going on is unquestionable.

The aim will be to overthrow completely the bureaucracy, including Count Witte and all his friends. The revolutionary leaders and the 7,000,000 strikers, who at their bidding held up the Government and commerce of the empire for two weeks, are more determined to do this than to obtain a parliamentary system.

Although the granting of a constitution momentarily demoralized the bureaucracy, they are still enormously powerful for obstructive resistance, and the national chaos they can produce before their downfall is the blackest danger that is now facing Russia.

Your correspondent learns that there are signs that the army in the provinces will side with the proletariat against the bureaucracy. The chief independent reformers, including Prince Eugene Troubetzkoi and Count Ourouff, whom Count Witte asked to join his cabinet, have refused to accept office. His list now mostly consists of his former official protégés.

In accordance with the amnesty proclamation issued by the Czar 280 political prisoners in St. Petersburg were released yesterday. One hundred and fifty are awaiting release.

3,200 KILLED, 12,000 WOUNDED.

Estimates of the Slaughter at Odessa Still Growing—City Now Quiet.

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ODESSA, Nov. 5.—The storm here is over, at any rate for the present, and the city has begun to assume its normal aspect. The calm, however, only emphasizes the awful nature of the outburst of devilish fury which it is possible for the worst medieval persecutions of Hebrews to have surpassed. Access to the ravaged districts being reopened, it is possible to add some details to the earlier and incomplete reports, which were in nowise exaggerated.

The estimates of the number of victims grow in magnitude, being now placed at 3,200 killed and 12,000 wounded. The accuracy of these figures will never be known, but when it is stated that in the suburb of Moldavanka alone a thousand dead and wounded lay in the streets from midnight until noon it will be realized that no official details will serve to hide the terrible extent of the butchery.

Neither will official details of police investigation and complicity convince many independent observers here that their guilt

TO TAKE TODD CASE TO JEROME

CORONER WILL ASK HIM TO LOOK INTO AGED WOMAN'S DEATH.

Letter From Bridegroom Seen by Sleuth Can't Be Found Now—Amory's Fears Look Stranger Than Ever—Maid Deepens Mystery of Journey—Police Inactive

Coroner Scholer announced last night that he proposed to go before District Attorney Jerome with Sinclair Toussay to-day and lay before him the developments of the Margaretta Todd case.

"Such a network of conspiracy and intrigue has been revealed by all the recent developments," said the Coroner, "and there is such strong evidence of foul play and such a powerful motive for crime, that the ends of justice absolutely demand a rigid and exhaustive examination."

Coroner Scholer discussed the case with Assistant District Attorney Kunt last Thursday. At that time few of the most important facts in the case had been brought to light, and it was decided that there was hardly enough evidence to warrant action by the prosecuting officers of the county.

James J. Lyons, the night carriage agent at the Reading Terminal, Philadelphia, who identified Mrs. Margaretta Todd as the woman whom he saw in company with two men in the Reading Terminal on the night of her death, returned to Philadelphia yesterday morning. Neither Coroner Scholer nor the police knew that Lyons was in the city until after he had taken his departure. The police apparently did not care. Their interest in the case up to the present time has been no greater than that of the casual reader.

"The police of Philadelphia haven't asked us to investigate," said the sergeant in charge of the Detective Bureau yesterday. "We have done nothing and probably will not do anything until they do, for the reason that the crime, if any, was committed in Philadelphia. It is a case for the Philadelphia police and for them alone."

Coroner Scholer, on the other hand, was very much vexed because Lyons's presence in the city was not reported to him, so that he could take a verified statement. He expressed his vexation to Manager Ratcliffe of the Stephen Merritt company yesterday morning. Mr. Ratcliffe told him that he was unable to find him on the telephone at the time of Lyons's arrival.

Another matter that annoyed the Coroner was the refusal of Coroner Dugan of Philadelphia to stand the expense of a chemical analysis of the viscera. That refusal was imparted to him yesterday morning.

"This is a case," said the Coroner, "presenting features quite as singular and mysterious as those in the early days of the Rice-Patrick case; yet there does not appear to be in the law any provision for proper investigation. The Philadelphia authorities have no power to bear the expense of a chemical analysis because the body is now in New York and I have no right to saddle the expense on New York county because the death occurred in Pennsylvania. Under the circumstances, anxious as I am to do everything that will tend to solve the mystery, I can do nothing unless the relatives pay for the chemical and microscopic analysis. I understand there is to be a meeting to-morrow afternoon at which the necessary funds will be provided. In case such is the outcome of the meeting, I shall go ahead with the analysis and conduct a thorough and exhaustive inquest as soon as the result of the analysis is made known."

The hiatus in the police investigation caused by this question of dual jurisdiction is also a source of great concern to Sinclair Toussay and his attorneys. Almost all the salient features of the case up to the present time have been brought out by Mr. Toussay, Lawyer Hastings and their private detectives, and they feel that after so much has been revealed there ought to be concerted and energetic action by the authorities both of New York and Philadelphia.

A thorough search of Mrs. Todd's apartments was made yesterday in the hope of finding a letter received by her from the day of her death, which would place was her destination, yet no one has been able to explain why she went there. One of the private detectives in the Von Hoffman is certain that he saw a letter with a Bridegroom postmark only a day or so ago, but the search failed to reveal it. If the letter can be found it will undoubtedly supply an important link in the chain of testimony and may solve the mystery altogether.

Mrs. Goddard, a middle-aged French woman, who succeeded Miss Paine as Mrs. Todd's maid and companion three months ago, said yesterday that Mrs. Todd took important papers with her when she left her apartments on the afternoon of the eventful day.

"She put them in a little satchel," said Mrs. Goddard, "with the remark that she might transact some business before her return. But she did not tell me that she was going out of town. On the other hand, she simply said that she was going out to get a little airing and to see Dr. Weed to get him medicine for a cold. She took with her a small bottle of digitals tablets. This medicine she used frequently."

"You may be absolutely certain of two things, at any rate. Mrs. Todd did not commit suicide; she was too much of a coward for that, too afraid to die. And she did not walk the long distance that it would have been necessary for her to walk to reach unaided the spot where her body was found; she was not strong enough to do so."

G. W. Amory was questioned closely yesterday in regard to the reasons for her suspicion of misfortune to Mrs. Todd when she was hardly out of the house. He simply reiterated that he believed her in poor health. Mrs. Goddard said that Mrs. Todd's carriage had been gone only three minutes when Amory came running in excitedly and asked her if she knew where Mrs. Todd was going. Then followed Amory's trip around the city in search of her and his departure for East Orange on a train which left only four minutes later than the one Mrs. Todd took to Philadelphia.

Incoral Lockwood, according to the maid at the house, still sleeps at 40 West Twenty-sixth street, but is there very little in the day time. His attorney, Mark Alter, said yesterday that Mr. Lockwood's whereabouts was known to him but that his client was not ready to make a statement.

"When he does," said the lawyer, "it will come through me."

Mr. Alter said that he expected to apply for a new warrant to-day against Mr. Lockwood.

Latest News Intelligence.

Arrived: St. Cuthbert, Newport News, Nov. 4.

CRUISER MARBLEHEAD DAMAGED

Two of Her 5-inch Guns Broken and Her Plates Cracked.

VALLEJO, Cal., Nov. 5.—The refrigeration ship Celtic, which arrived at Mare Island yard this morning, while attempting to move alongside the cruiser Marblehead crashed into that ship with such force that two of the Marblehead's 5-inch guns were broken and it is feared some of her plates are cracked.

The Celtic suffered the loss of two whaleboats, which were smashed into kindling wood. A strong north wind, which prevailed on the bay, caused the accident. The Celtic stands so high out of water that when the wind struck her she got beyond control.

14 GIRL PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Climb Through Window in the Wayside Home—None Captured.

Fourteen girls without their hats escaped from the Wayside Home, in Bridge street, Brooklyn, about 9 o'clock last night. They were prisoners, with thirty-four others, having been committed there by Police Magistrates. The institution is a Protestant reformatory.

The inmates left the supper table in the basement at 7 o'clock. They spent the evening in the parlors and in the library. At 8:45 o'clock Matron Anna Philipbar sounded a bell that was the signal for all to go to bed. At 9 o'clock the lights were turned off and Matron Philipbar sent one of her assistants to make the rounds of the rooms.

The assistant found one room on the top floor vacant. So was the adjoining one, and she soon found a total of fourteen rooms without inmates. Matron Philipbar was notified and the lights in the building were again turned on. An investigation showed that the girls had found a way to get out of the building through a window in the rear of the first floor. The open window told what had happened. The girls had climbed down six feet to the rear yard and sealing a fence had reached the street.

Matron Philipbar notified the Brooklyn police headquarters and a general alarm for the girls was sent out. At a late hour none of the fourteen runaways had been captured. The oldest is 24 and the youngest is 16.

CRUISED ALONE WITH CORPSE.

Launch Owner's Guest Unable to Stop Machinery When Host Falls Dead.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 5.—Afloat in a launch, with a corpse as his only companion, and not knowing how to stop the boat, was the experience of James Parker of Findlay, Ohio, in St. Clair River last night. Parker had been visiting Dennis Gebeau, a Detroit contractor. Gebeau offered to take him in his launch to Pearl Beach to catch a car for Detroit. About two miles below Pearl Beach Gebeau turned around to adjust the engine, collapsed and died instantly.

The launch was speeding on and Parker did not understand machinery. He had seen his dead companion work the wheel. He grasped it, and after a couple of turns succeeded in getting the little craft into deep water, but was unable to stop it. Near Pearl Beach the problem of stopping the launch was still unsolved.

Inshore the boat circled, then came back, only to repeat the performance. Its strange actions attracted attention and a launch was sent out to ascertain the trouble. After an exciting chase the boat was overtaken. A man clambered aboard and shut off the engine, after which it was towed ashore.

Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of Gebeau's death.

CLEVELAND PRAISES REED.

Sends Kindly Letter to Association to Memorialize Former Speaker.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 5.—The letter which former President Grover Cleveland wrote to the Thomas B. Reed Memorial Association in response to a request that his name be included in the list of directors of the association has, with his consent, been made public. It is as follows:

"Your recent letter asking me to become a director of the Thomas B. Reed Memorial Association is at hand. I had great admiration for Mr. Reed and great respect for his ability. I think it is eminently proper that his high character and public service should be fittingly memorialized."

"It seems to me, however, that this should be undertaken by those who were nearer to him in every way than I can claim to have been. Another reason stronger than this for hesitation is found in my reluctance to be identified with a project to which I cannot give the least attention. I am not at all satisfied to be nominally a director in such a movement without performing any useful duty; and this would be my exact predicament if I should accept such a place in the directorate of your association."

I do not want to be suspected of ungraciousness or lack of interest; but if I may be allowed to modestly contribute instead of appearing as a director I shall feel much more comfortable."

The letter was accompanied by a generous contribution.

WEALTHY QUARRYMAN KILLED.

Pocketbook Which He Was Supposed to Have Carried Cannot Be Found.

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 5.—William Haeig, a wealthy quarryman, left his residence near the Watchung Mountain to inspect his quarry at 8 o'clock this morning. He carried, it is said, a large amount of money. An hour later a Hungarian laborer found Haeig's mangled body scattered along the railroad track near the stone crusher. No train ran on Sunday over this branch of the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

A number of empty stone cars were left on an incline above the quarry last night. It is believed that Haeig might have started the brake on one of these cars and released it down the incline toward the stone crusher and fallen from the car while it was in motion. The empty car was found on the track several hundred feet from the incline. Haeig's clothing was torn to pieces and a pocketbook which his family believe he had on his person has not yet been found.

Communicating Sunday, November 5th, the Second Empire will be a daily train, leaving New York at 10:30 A. M., arriving Buffalo 12:30 P. M., leaving Albany 1:30 P. M., Syracuse 3:30 P. M., Rochester 4:30 P. M., and Buffalo 5:30 P. M. A wonderfully popular train.—A.S.P.

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CASTRO'S OFFER TO FRANCE

RESULT OF THE GOOD OFFICES OF OUR MINISTER AT CARACAS.

Venezuela's President Proposes to Reestablish Diplomatic Relations With the French Charge d'Affaires if France Withdraws the Demand for an Apology.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5.—It is understood here to-night that President Castro of Venezuela has made a proposition to the French Government through the good offices of W. W. Russell, the American Minister at Caracas, for the settlement of the difficulties between the two Governments. The State Department refuses to confirm the story, the officials saying that they cannot discuss the Venezuelan matter, as it has to do only with the French and Venezuelan Governments and is only acting as the friend of each country.

According to a statement made to-night President Castro has offered to reestablish his diplomatic relations with M. Taigny, the French Charge d'Affaires, if France withdraws its demand for an apology for the affront to the honor of the French Government.

The offer to France was contained in Castro's refusal in September to have anything to do with M. Taigny.

The trouble arose from the annulment by the Venezuelan courts of the concession of the French Cable Company. M. Taigny offered an emphatic protest to the Minister of Foreign Affairs at Caracas and President Castro became angered and severed his relations with M. Taigny. France in turn protested, and the Venezuelan Government made haste to explain that that Government objected to M. Taigny personally and the action it had taken was not intended as a slap at the French Government.

Paris refused to look upon the matter in this light, but demanded that an apology be made and M. Taigny refused and resigned as the French diplomat representative to Venezuela. France has grown impatient at the delays of President Castro and has a squadron of warships at Martinique.

About two weeks ago the State Department offered the French Government the services of Mr. Russell, the American Minister to Venezuela. The Minister was instructed to ascertain just what Castro intended to do, and the proposition which has been made is the result of Mr. Russell's efforts.

The proposition which Castro is believed to have made is said also to include an adjustment of the French Cable Company's case, Castro agreeing to return the concession if the company will agree to certain things.

Just how France will receive President Castro's proposition is a matter of considerable doubt. It has been repeatedly reiterated officially that France will most firm in standing by its demands.

NOT A TOWN OFFICIAL LEFT.

Murder of Negroes in Louisiana Results in Resignation of Municipal Government.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 5.—The town of Kenner, La., is in the hands of Sheriff Marrero, the Mayor, Councilmen and other town officials having resigned as the result of the exposures in regard to the recent murders of negroes there. Mr. Cowan, Mayor of the town, having turned State's evidence and confessed, the other prisoners arrested, the local judge and town constable, told the story of the outrage.

The constable, Ledoux, having had a personal difficulty with a negro named Andrew Jackson, he accompanied by Judge Adams, the Mayor's son and a fourth man named Brown, visited the restaurant of Jackson, where the party opened fire on the establishment without warning, killing or wounding five negroes, including Jackson and a woman named Smallwood, the latter being killed instantly.

The murder was hushed up, a Coroner's jury gave a non-committal verdict and the news was given out two days after the fact that the shooting was due to a row among negroes in the Jackson place. The Sheriff, however, interfered and brought out the truth.

BILL SEWALL IN THE RING.

President's Guide Goes After the "Will of the People" and a Government Job.

ISLAND FALLS, Me., Nov. 5.—Bill Sewall, President Roosevelt's guide in the Maine woods and his assistant on the ranch in Dakota, thinks he will be appointed the Collector of Customs for the Aroostook district.

"I guess," remarked Mr. Sewall, "that Rainford W. Shaw, my opponent, has about given up the battle. I got over 900 names on my petition right in Boulton, where Mr. Shaw lives, and that is about 50 per cent. more than he could get. The contest was all good-natured and pleasant, but we worked hard just the same. I saw what the place and told him I was decided to support any one and that he knew the will of the people. Well, I went right after the will of the people, and if signatures overcount anything I guess I got it."

"The President knows me pretty well and he hasn't got to ask any one whether I am capable of filling the bill or not. This is a good point in my favor. Then I think he feels well disposed toward me, and that's another. Some of the papers have said that the President had told me I could have the place. That is not so. I sum the situation up when I say I am confident."

LITTLEFIELD COMING TO N. Y.

Maine Congressman Sees More Money in Law Practice Here—Political Results.

ROCKFORD, Me., Nov. 5.—Men who make a study of Maine politics have been wondering what prompted the Hon. F. Marion Simpson of Bangor to resign the chairmanship of the Republican State committee. Mr. Simpson said he was too busy, but no one believed that.

It is now figured out that Simpson wants to be Governor; Gov. Cobb wants to go to Congress; Congressman Charles E. Littlefield, who now represents Cobb's district, wants to practice law in New York city, where he can make more money and where he can keep an eye on Equitable affairs, he recently having been elected a director of the big insurance society.

Congressman Littlefield last week dissolved his law partnership with his brother, and it is believed he will soon move to New York. With Littlefield out of the race it would be natural for Gov. Cobb to succeed him.

16 HOURS TO CHICAGO.

Leaves New York at 3:35 P. M., arrives Chicago 5:35 A. M., leaves Chicago 2:45 P. M., arrives New York at 4:45 A. M., via Pennsylvania Railroad. New equipment. Special features. Rock-balls, dustless roadbed.—A.S.P.

SUIT CASE VICTIM'S HEAD FOUND.

Susanna Geary's Own Satchel Held It at the Bottom of Boston Harbor.

BOSTON, Nov. 5.—The head of Susanna Geary, the chorus girl who died from the effects of a criminal operation and whose body was dismembered and thrown into the harbor, was recovered about 6 o'clock to-night a few yards from the South Ferry slip at East Boston, about where Crawford and Howard in their confessions said they had dropped it.

The head was in an excellent state of preservation and the features were plainly recognizable. So far as can be learned none of the girl's family has been asked to look at it yet and settle all question of identification. This will undoubtedly be done to-morrow.

The head was found by some newspaper reporters after the police boat had quit work for the day. The reporters were operating a drag from the stern of a power dory when something was caught. Hauling the drag to the surface they found a small brown leather satchel hooked in the iron prongs.

The bag was the Geary girl's, and in it was her own head, wrapped in a piece of a black skirt and a piece of oilcloth of the same pattern as that found in the suit cases which contained the torso and limbs. There was also a large quantity of shot in the bag, just as Howard confessed, sufficient to keep the head at the bottom of the harbor until the leather rotted away.

The satchel and its contents were turned over to the police and were taken to an undertaker's establishment. Medical Examiner Harris was communicated with, but he has not viewed the head.

The medical examiner will join the head to the remainder of the body and have the girl's mother identify it.

The police are still hot on the trail of Mrs. Mary Dean, who is alleged to have taken care of the girl at a house in Roxbury, used as a sort of convalescent home in connection with the Bishop establishment.

GAS WRECKS A BANK; KILLS 4.

Leakage From Basement Pipes Explodes and Wrecks the Building.

HOGHTON, Mich., Nov. 5.—At 9:30 this morning a gas explosion in the basement of the Miners' National Bank completely wrecked the building, killing four children, fatally injuring three adults and more or less seriously injuring a dozen others.

A leak in a gas pipe in the basement overcame the telephone operator early in the morning and two hours later the explosion occurred.

The four children killed and the majority of injured were returning from early mass at St. John's Church.

The force of the explosion blew a box car off a railway track at the rear of the building and broke windows for several blocks.

Offices on the upper floors were demolished, but the bank vault is apparently intact.

ELECTRIC TRAINS NOW.

Steam Locomotives Taken Off Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn.

Yesterday the Long Island Railroad Company put its new electric schedule into operation on Atlantic avenue, Brooklyn, and all the trains that left the Flatbush avenue depot or arrived at that depot were propelled by electricity.

"Not a steam locomotive was used on Atlantic avenue to-day," said the train dispatcher, "and the electricity worked like a charm."

As soon as possible the old surface tracks that have been used since the beginning of the Atlantic avenue improvement will be torn up, as the tunnel will now be in constant operation. All the trains were operated successfully by electricity between the Flatbush avenue depot and Jamaica yesterday.

DOWIE ADMITS HE'S VERY ILL.

Wires to Zion City That He Feels the Worst—Asks for Prayers.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Nov. 5.—Gloom spread over the congregation in Shiloh Tabernacle, Zion City, to-day, when a message was read from the First Apostle, dated at Victoria, Mexico, in which he admits he is far from well and fears another and fatal stroke of paralysis. All previous messages have borne news of Dowie's improvement and this is the first that he has told of a setback. Dowie wired in part:

"Pray that your leader may be spared to accomplish this great work. I am not so well as I have been, though I have been able to be around. I feared the worst for a while, especially that moment when I was struck by paralysis, but thank God, who in His infinite mercy has again spared me. Our return trip will be made via New York. November 14 is the date set for departure. I ask you again to pray for me and for Zion's future. Pray that I may live Mizpah."

BLOWS KILL INSANE OLD MAN.

Two Nurses in Vermont Asylum Held For the Grand Jury.

BURLINGTON, Vt., Nov. 5.—Peter Durant of Middlebury, an inmate of the State Insane Hospital at Waterbury, died this morning as the result of injuries alleged to have been inflicted by two nurses, F. J. Dennis of Barre, N. Y., and B. D. Coon of Milton, Vt.

The nurses it is charged, became angry at Durant and struck him on the breast. An autopsy was held and the nurses have been held for the Grand Jury.

Durant was 80 years old and was able to speak but inarticulate. He had always been a docile patient.

See, Shaw to Give All His Time to Politics.

DENISON, Ia., Nov. 5.—It was learned to-day that Secretary Leslie M. Shaw had disposed of his holdings in a 3,500 acre rice plantation near Beaumont, Tex., in pursuance of his plan to dispose of all interests which will take time from political aspirations.

Drowned at Coney Island.

Charles Lindberg of 1035 Sixtieth street, Brooklyn, fell from the Steeplechase pier at Coney Island yesterday and was drowned. He was fishing when he fell.

CROWD SWAMPS HIPPODROME.

DOORS CLOSED ON A STREETFUL OF MCLELLAN MEN.

Invading Hearst Men Shouted Down Outside With the "McClellan-ell-ell-ell" Cheer—Mr. Grout Declares That the Mayor's the Best One in a Generation.

The Hippodrome had the greatest crowd of its history last night, when the Allied Business Men's George B. McClellan Association held a mass meeting to endorse the Mayor's administration and urge his reelection. Those who saw the audience agreed that it vied with the Jerome audiences in being representative of the whole New York. The men and women who were there, except the dozen who got in for the obvious purpose of disturbance, appeared to be those to whom the prosperity of New York is of import.

The ticket holders were in their seats long before 8 o'clock and 5,000 persons were in the street struggling for admission. At 8 minutes past the hour the doors were opened and then began a rush so fierce that the police were obliged to lock the doors to prevent harm. When at last all had been admitted that the great theatre could hold there must have been nearly 7,000 persons in the house, and the seating capacity of the Hippodrome is 5,200. The theatre was decorated with flags, bunting and pictures of McClellan, the man whose name the crowds had come to cheer, although they were aware that he had refused to speak on Sunday.

Out in Sixth avenue and the side streets the crowd that couldn't get in still lingered. A Hearst cheering captain ran up and down breaking into the space reserved for the street cars, trying to raise a cry for Hearst. The attempt failed, for every time Hearst's name was yelled the opposition stalwarts came back with a long drawn out, stirring cry, "McClellan, 'ell-an, 'ell-an, 'ell-an!"

So after a while the M. O. folks got tired of their game and went back to Madison Square Garden.

The first business of the meeting was the passing of resolutions by the association endorsing Mayor McClellan's administration as a "clean, honest, economical and efficient government, for which the people of the city are indebted to the courage, ability, sincerity and integrity of Mayor McClellan." Chairman George M. Loft presented Comptroller Grout as chairman of the meeting. Mr. Grout's reception is indicated by his opening sentence.

GROUT PRAISES THE MAYOR.

You receive me as if I were a candidate for office, but I am not. One who almost have feared for the electorate of the city of New York a week or ten days ago; one might also have been misled to suppose that the majority of the people of this city did not understand the problems of government nor by what means they could be solved, but as the days have gone by I see the tide of unsound political judgment receding and I see the safe and sure basis of Democracy—the conservative business Democracy—outstanding beyond the tidal waves of unsafe and unsound political fever and I feel assured are preliminary to the election of the city clerk on next election day. [Applause.]

The present Mayor has given the city of New York the best administration it has had for a generation past. No previous administration has done so much for the school system of this city, or has so nearly reached the solution of the half time problem in our public schools. [Applause.] No previous administration has done so much for the public hospital system, has instituted so many new hospitals and great hospitals, which will show their effect upon the public health within two years to come.

No other administration has done so much for municipal ownership as has this administration. [Applause.] No party and no candidate in this campaign stands so sincerely and so sensibly for municipal ownership as stand the candidates and the party of the Democracy. Municipal ownership is a business proposition and this administration has been applying it in a businesslike method as fast as the resources and the needs of the city of New York will permit it.

SAVING THE COUNTRY ONCE A YEAR.

Corporation Counsel Delany was the next speaker. He said:

The business men who usually shirk the work are out to-night to save the city from anarchy. The great mass of the business world turns its attention to the election just before the votes are to be cast. For the rest of the year they go to their anxieties and responsibilities and then they come back because some one is said to concentrate in himself more power than any one should be intrusted with and consequently has abused the power which he has been trusted with or assumed.

If that be true the complaint is not against the men who abuse the power, but the men who take no interest in the affairs of their country and permit men to abuse them. The men who seek the cultivation of their own minds and the enjoyment of their own lives 364 days in the year cannot give a rightful for the heritage of citizenship by paying slight attention to it on the 365th.

The mistake that is made on Tuesday, if a mistake is made, will last for four years, and its consequences may run into years long after you and I are dead.

Mr. Del